

Announcement

Women in Peacebuilding: Stories



This year marks the 20th anniversary of the UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security that for the first time recognized the importance of women's equal and full participation as active agents in establishing and maintaining peace and security worldwide. As research emphasizes, **peacebuilding and reconciliation processes are more successful and are more likely to last when women are meaningfully engaged.** Despite the international commitments and available evidence, women have generally not been involved in peace talks or peacebuilding strategies globally. In the current circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic, women face more challenges to their participation in peacebuilding.

In 2019, on the margins of the 74th UN General Assembly, the Community of Democracies (CoD) launched a publication on **Engaging Women in Sustaining Peace: A Guide to Best Practices.** The publication took a global perspective, examining women's roles in sustaining peace in Africa, Asia, Europe, and Latin America, and identified best practices of women's engagement in peacebuilding.

Continuing the conversation on the importance of women's involvement in peace efforts, the Permanent Secretariat of the Community of Democracies (PSCD) conducted interviews with women leaders in the area of peacebuilding and peacekeeping to present their stories to the public. With this initiative, the PSCD aims to raise awareness about the contribution that women make across the world to preventing and resolving conflicts, and peacebuilding; inspiring future generations to actively engage women in sustaining peace.

Starting this month, the PSCD will be publishing **Women in Peacebuilding: Stories** highlighting experiences of women peacebuilders in line with the UN Secretary General seven-point action plan on gender-responsive peacebuilding (2010). The initiative will be launched on May 13th, 2020 by publishing a first story of Kumudini Samuel of Sri Lanka speaking to conflict resolution. The Stories will be posted on the [Community of Democracies' web-site](#), [CoD Facebook page](#) and CoD twitter profiles [@CoD_Women](#) and [@CommunityofDem.](#)

The initiative is conducted in the framework of the CoD "Engaging Women in Sustaining Peace" project and generously supported by the Republic of Korea.

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